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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,
I am writing to you regarding the Department of Justice's Proposed Final Judgment regarding the Microsoft case. Over the past several weeks I've had a chance to study this proposed Agreement and am shocked by what I've found.

It appears that the Justice Department has ignored ALL the court findings in the case (every single court found that MS had aggressively abused its monopoly position for its own competitive advantage) and has basically agreed not only to NOT penalize MS for its long standing antitrust abuses, but to actually grant MS a defacto monopoly in the high-tech industry going forward. I cannot tell you what a disaster this would be for all of us that are NOT Microsoft minions, and especially for those of us working with or dependant upon Java, Linux, AOL, the Mac...or indeed ANY non-Microsoft code base or service.

As a member of the high-tech industry, I strongly urge you to carefully review the Justice Department's Final Judgment and then act accordingly. The future of the high-tech industry and all of its members will be greatly impacted by the outcome of this case.

Sincerely,
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